

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.CEREAL AND HAY HARVEST, 1927-28.

(Final results subject to minor revisions.)

1. ACREAGE CROPPED. The acreage sown for all purposes with Wheat, Barley and Oats aggregated 4,010,638 (3,719,076) acres, increase 291,562 acres. Distributed as follows -
For Grain. Wheat 2,941,360 (2,768,403) acres, increase 172,957 acres; Barley 219,491 (256,528) acres, decrease 37,037 acres; Oats 187,024 (152,178) acres, increase 34,846 acres;
Hay (Wheat, Barley and Oats) 535,005 (488,892) acres, increase 46,113 acres.

2. FAILURES. Owing to adverse seasonal conditions considerable areas completely failed. Out of 4,010,638 acres sown 778,000 acres are estimated to have failed for the purpose for which sown. Of this area 128,000 acres were fed off, the balance of 650,000 acres being a complete failure.

3. PRODUCTION. Wheat 24,066,012 (35,558,711) Bushels, decrease 11,492,699 Bushels, average per acre 8.18 (12.84) bushels; Barley 3,001,420 (4,630,044) bushels, average 13.67 (18.05) bushels; Oats 1,378,437 (1,713,377), average 7.37 (11.26) bushels; Hay 453,168 (587,394) tons.

4. BENEFITS OF FALLOW. The gratifying result following most adverse weather conditions is a triumph for good farming. Of the total wheat crop 20,271,891 Bushels were produced from fallowed land and averaged 10.8 Bushels per acre whilst the remainder 3,794,121 Bushels was from land not fallowed and only averaged 3.6 Bushels per acre, resulting in an aggregate average of 8.18 Bushels per acre.

5. EXPORTABLE SURPLUS. After making the usual allowances for Seed Wheat and Home consumption it is estimated that 17,500,000 Bushels of Wheat are available for export. Of this quantity over 9,000,000 Bushels have been exported. The mean value of oversea exports of Wheat and Flour for the five years ended 1926-27 was £6,878,628 and of Barley £299,979. For the 9 months of the year 1927-28 the values are Wheat and Flour £3,144,534, Barley £211,616.

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FINAL RESULTS OF CEREALS AND HAY, 1927-28.

1. ACREAGE CROPPED.

Divisions	Total Wheat, Barley, Oats. Acres	G R A I N.			Hay (W.B.O.) Acres	Fed Off Areas (W.B.O.) Acres
		Wheat Acres	Barley Acres	Oats Acres		
Central	891,908	492,082	157,345	21,018	204,696	16,767
Lower North	949,936	738,241	39,247	14,612	116,043	41,793
Upper North	287,932	254,388	1,083	2,082	17,913	12,466
South Eastern	96,928	38,008	10,389	18,117	28,291	2,123
Western	870,027	715,381	4,761	62,229	69,470	18,186
Murray Mallee	913,907	703,260	6,666	68,966	98,592	36,423
Total	4,010,638	2,941,360	219,491	187,024	535,005	127,758
Total 1926-27	3,719,076	2,768,403	256,528	152,178	488,892	53,075
Increase or Decrease.	291,562	172,957	-37,037	34,846	46,113	74,683

2. PRODUCTION OF GRAIN AND HAY.

Divisions	G R A I N.						Hay
	Wheat		Barley		Oats		(W.B.O.)
	Bush.	Av.	Bush.	Av.	Bush.	Av.	Tons
Central	6,429,778	13.07	2,173,417	13.81	303,366	14.43	252,942
Lower North	9,146,787	12.39	422,550	10.77	145,002	9.92	101,910
Upper North	1,368,173	5.38	4,347	4.01	17,220	8.27	13,546
South Eastern	806,188	21.21	329,460	31.71	375,939	20.75	31,542
Western	4,374,084	6.11	35,931	7.55	307,931	4.95	28,016
Murray Mallee	1,941,002	2.76	35,715	5.36	228,979	3.32	25,212
Total	24,066,012	8.18	3,001,420	13.67	1,378,437	7.37	453,168
Total 1926-27	35,558,711	12.84	4,630,044	18.05	1,713,377	11.26	587,394
Increase or Decrease.	-11,492,699	-4.66	-1,628,624	-4.38	-334,940	-3.89	-134,226

3. FIVE YEARS COMPARISON.

Year	W H E A T.			Value of Oversea Exports.	
	Area	Yield	Aver. per Acre	Wheat and Flour	Barley
	Acres	Bush.	Bush.	£	£
1922-23	2,453,086	28,784,767	11.73	4,389,369	350,265
1923-24	2,418,415	34,551,955	14.29	6,876,646	282,348
1924-25	2,499,852	30,528,625	12.21	8,617,205	378,548
1925-26	2,465,648	28,603,101	11.60	7,412,467	137,288
1926-27	2,768,403	35,558,711	12.84	7,094,456	351,446
Mean	2,521,081	31,605,432	12.54	6,878,028	299,979
1927-28	2,941,360	24,066,012	8.18	3,144,534 9 mths.	211,616 9 mths.

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